

LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

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Hattersley scoffs at idea of coalition with Alliance

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Mr Roy Hattersley yesterday contemptuously rejected any possibility of the Labour Party entering into a coalition with the Alliance if the next general election produces a hung parliament.

Labour's deputy leader told a rally at Blackpool: "Coalition is wrong in principle. The Labour Party could not and would not enter into such an arrangement in any circumstances. No coalition with the Liberals. No coalition with the SDP. No coalition with the so-called Alliance."

His unequivocal statement was in response to the speech by Dr David Owen to the SDP conference in Harrogate when he said either Labour or the Conservatives would be forced to enter into coalition talks with the Alliance if, as he predicted, no party gained an overall Commons majority.

Mr Hattersley accused Dr Owen of "posturing" and said the idea of a coalition was a public relations device for the Alliance. By talking as if such a union were possible it fraudulently associated itself with the prospect of power.

"At the moment, Dr Owen could not even form a coalition with the Liberals," Mr Hattersley added mockingly.

Mr Neil Kinnock also insisted yesterday he would not rely on the Alliance for the purposes of a coalition or deal if Labour did not have an overall majority "there would be no purpose, in terms of our programme and much more importantly in terms of the interest of the country, in

Deported priest calls for sanctions

The traditional church service launching Labour's conference week in Blackpool was marked by an appeal yesterday for sanctions against South Africa from a priest recently imprisoned and deported by the Pretoria Government.

In the congregation, Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, nodded vigorous agreement throughout the sermon in which Catholic priest Father Theo Kneifel condemned the "illegitimate and unjust government in South Africa".

Mr Kinnock, who was accompanied by his wife Glensy, read a lesson from St Matthew on the "Last Judgement".

But the applause of the congregation at Blackpool's North Shore Methodist Church was reserved for German-born Father Kneifel, 44, arrested under the state of emergency at his seminary near Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, and imprisoned for five days before being deported.

He told the congregation: "Apartheid is like a boil. It cannot be reformed, it must be abolished."

Father Kneifel called for "progressive sanctions to isolate that government so that Christians realize that you cannot collaborate with apartheid."

He protested that the package of sanctions so far agreed by the European Economic Community was "a slap in the face for South Africa's suffering poor".

Mr Kinnock's celebrated singing voice - as much at home with rugby songs as with hymns - was deployed with some gusto throughout the service.



Mr Tony Mulhearn (left) and Mr Derek Hatton, the Liverpool militants, at Blackpool for the opening of the Labour Party conference yesterday.

Kinnock rejects US nuclear cover

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indeed would be pushing the US out of the UK."

Mr Kinnock said yesterday that if Mr Weinberger and Mr Perle were saying that the policy of a democratically elected Labour government with a mandate should be "subordinated to an external government" then they were undermining the very values Nato existed to defend.

He said that Mr Weinberger and Mr Perle were "wildly exaggerating" the effects of Britain becoming "yet another non-nuclear power within Nato".

Last night, a Conservative MP just back from a visit to Washington with a British parliamentary delegation claimed that Mr Weinberger's views were shared by the whole establishment.

Mr Kenneth Hind, MP for Lancashire West, and his Commons colleagues had top-level meetings with officials in the White House, State and Defence departments and leading Congressmen who all spoke out against Mr Kinnock's plans.

"The message from Washington is loud and clear. They do not want to enter into our domestic politics, but what they are saying in private is what Mr Weinberger is saying in public."

"What Mr Weinberger is saying is exactly what the White House said to the Conservative MPs on our delegation, what the Defence Department said and what the Home Affairs Committee of Congress said. I have never seen such strong uniformity on one single point."

Mr Hind said the Americans believed if a Labour government closed US

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EEC acts to break foreign beer ban

Manich's legendary Oktoberfest, in full, boozy roar since last Saturday (it always begins in September), may never be the same again if Brussels officials have their way.

The world's greatest beer-drinking festival has already jarred the hard men by offering this year, for the first time, thin non-alcoholic brews.

That move by the eight big Bavarian brewers whose huge beer pavilions cover Munich's Theresienwiese (Theresa's Meadow) for two weeks every year, was "encouraged" by the city council to help reduce Oktoberfest-related accidents.

But most of the one million hearties who drank 900,000 litres of beer at the weekend alone to give the festival another record opening (it is also always a record), and the total of more than seven million visitors expected by the time the taps are turned off, can accept that as a good thing, even if only for others.

What they are finding more difficult to swallow is the dreadful possibility that the non-German EEC commissioners in Brussels will have their dastardly way in forcing foreign "chemical" beers into West Germany, and as far south as Munich.

The Germans, who put away 145.3 litres of beer per head last year, keeping them at the top of the European quaffers league, drink pure beer - by law.

This is the Reinheitsgebot (purity commandment), drawn up by Duke Wilhelm of Bavaria in 1516 which rules that only hops, malt, yeast and water are used. So far, the law has kept "adulterated" foreign beers containing preservatives and other chemicals out.

But that situation will come to a halt by the end of this year if the European Court in Luxembourg accepts the advice of a Briton, Sir Gordon Slym, the court's attorney general. He said last week that West Germany's ban on imports of foreign beers violated the Treaty of Rome.

But Herr Ullrich, Opherk for the German Brewers' Federation in Bonn, admitted: "German beer drinkers are not suddenly going to switch to foreign brews containing chemicals."

British brewers keep quiet about ingredients

In Britain the Brewers Society claims that beer is made in compliance with the most stringent legal standards in the world, but there is no requirement for beers or lagers to carry lists of ingredients on their labels (Robin Young writes).

This may be good for the peace of mind of drinkers who might feel queasy if they knew they were drinking, among other things, colorants, antioxidants, preservatives and sweeteners in a liquid that may also have been treated with dried seaweed, extract of fish bladders, crushed shells of minute sea creatures, and topped up with a dollop of calcium sulphate, a little extra vitamin C, and a gassy blast of carbon dioxide.

There is only three British beers that would be acceptable at present in West Germany: Warrington White Shield, Guinness and a new Natural Lager launched recently by the Tadcaster brewers, Samuel Smith, which contains nothing but English malted barley, German hops, Bavarian culture yeast and water.

"We know such a process is more demanding and expensive than most alternative practices", Samuel Smith's said.

Firms get extortion warnings

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Warnings about extortion against companies have been given by Control Risks, an international security and risk assessment firm.

The latest caution to the 380 companies who subscribe to Control Risks' service comes after an increase in extortion in Japan.

Crimes such as blackmail, kidnapping and threats to poison companies' products are rising.

In the past six years Control Risks has had knowledge of 270 cases internationally, a quarter of them in Britain, and has helped companies in some of the more difficult ones.

Such incidents are now more prevalent, according to Mr Christopher Grose, a Control Risks official.

One multinational company alone has suffered five extortion incidents in different countries in two years.

Details of the threat posed to companies by extortion came last week at a joint seminar of the British Association and the Society of Chemical Industry, when Mr Grose said that cases that reach the public were only the "tip of the iceberg".

The managing director of a company making health products was faced with a threat to poison one of its main brand names unless £170,000 was paid.

A parcel delivered to the hotel where the director had been told to await further contact was found to contain a CB radio and instructions to board a certain train.

He was told that 30 minutes into the journey he would receive a radio message to throw the money out of the window. But the "drop" was not made.

In another case Control Risks' clients had been told money would be collected underwater by a frogman in a harbour.

A quiet night in the West's sin city

By Robin Young

Is Bath the sin city of the West? Can one walk its streets in safety?

When Dr Graham Davis, a lecturer in social history at Bath College, disclosed that in the eighteenth century Bath had been overflowing with brothels, gambling and crimes of violence, a Mr Pearce wrote to *The Times* to complain that things were little changed today.

Mr Pearce said that while walking within yards of their hotel in Queen Square, his family had been surrounded by drunken youths hurling abuse and pushing them off the pavement.

In the city centre, he claimed, gangs of youths blocked the thoroughfares behaving in a frightening manner. Formidable boucers guarded the discos, but there was not a policeman in sight and the city seemed to have surrendered to the "toughs".

On Saturday afternoon, the city looked rather different. Jugglers performed with burning torches outside the Pump Rooms, people were feeding the pigeons and the only noise came from a traffic jam in Quiet Street. Early that evening, the only people in Queen Square were American tourists quietly enjoying pre-prandial strolls.

A receptionist at the Francis Hotel in Queen Square was quite enraged at the suggestion that there might be rowdiness round the corner. "We never have the slightest trouble here," she said. "I walk home alone after 11 every night and I have never felt the slightest bit nervous."

The largest group of people visible were queuing patiently to see Sir John Mills in the National Theatre production of *The Passion at the Bijou Theatre Royal*.

Outside Mole's and Nero's, the discotheques in George Street, the boucers were polite and friendly. At Chemies nightclub, youngsters were enjoying themselves but some seemed to be misbehaving. At the end of the night the police, who had had four officers on duty in the city centre, said there had been no incidents.

Perhaps the whole thing was simply got up to put another plug in for Bath, or perhaps the terrified visitor, who came from the rival tourist attraction of Harrogate in Yorkshire, was trying to give his own home town a boost.

Science report

New light on volcanic

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Acid rain: 1

Cash factor influences fight as politicians demand quick answers

Scientists know enough about acid rain to persuade the Government to spend £600 million on curbing its export from Britain. But as Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent, reports in the first of four articles, many of its secrets have still to be unlocked.

There are only three new things about acid rain. One is its name, another its emergence on to the political stage and the third the amount of research being devoted to it. Acid rain has been created for as long as coal and oil have been burnt in large amounts to make things move and to keep people warm.

Acid rain would have dominated environmental politics this year, but for the Chernobyl disaster in the Soviet Union. Politicians want fast answers to the questions that acid rain poses. But the harder the scientists dig into it, the more they realize that there are no simple solutions.

Dr John Bowman, secretary of the Natural Environment Research Council, said: "Cutting emissions by a certain amount will not necessarily have an equivalent effect when it comes to water or vegetation. The relationship is not necessarily a linear one." He meant that halving what

goes up will not necessarily halve what comes down. Dr Michael Unsworth, head of a Scottish research unit of the Natural Environment Research Council, called it "very

Sulphur dioxide, the gas at the centre of the acid rain argument, is produced naturally from volcanoes and from rotting vegetable matter in swamps and even on compost heaps. Burning of coal and oil has almost doubled the amount of the gas in the atmosphere over Britain.

complicated and exciting atmospheric chemistry". The acid rain process begins when things are burnt on the ground, especially if the things are naturally occurring fuels such as coal, oil and wood. The burning gives off gases which drift skywards.

Once there they can react with the moisture trapped in the clouds. The descent of the water leads to what many environmental campaigners

see as the menacing patter of acid rain. Clearly it cannot be new. It must have been produced when steam trains snorted across the countryside and housemaids lit fires in bedrooms.

Historic buildings have suffered for years from the cruel weathering that strips noses and beards from statues. The Parthenon in Athens is thought to have suffered more from pollution in the past 30 years than it did in the previous 2,000.

Nobody doubts that the production of acid rain can be curbed. But questions about the speed and extent of the necessary controls are dominated by their immense cost and by doubts about their value.

There is no point in spending millions to stop the damage supposedly caused by acid rain if later research shows it to be caused by something else.

Tomorrow: Leaks, lupins and clover



Miss Rebecca Bruce, aged 20 (left), Miss Frances Cripwell, aged 27 (centre), and Miss Franwyn Jacka, aged 26, got a taste of the desert at Bewdley Safari Park, Hereford and Worcester, at the weekend before setting off on a 1,000-mile sponsored camel trek across the central Sahara. Miss Cripwell was awarded a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship to lead the expedition, which will raise money for a Wilderness Trust retreat centre in Shropshire.

MP seeks Aids check on visitors

A former Conservative health minister warned the Government, yesterday, of "horrendous prospects" unless immediate screening for Aids is introduced for all visitors to Britain from high risk areas, particularly certain African countries. Sir Gerard Vaughan, Conservative MP for Reading East, an eminent physician, and chairman of the trustees

of the United Kingdom Aids Foundation, said: "We are crazy not to do so. The Government must take the simple and obvious steps to protect its people and that means screening everybody coming here, for a start, from Tanzania, Zambia and Uganda. And to suggest that those like me, who cry out for action, are alarmists borders

on the criminal." Sir Gerard has written to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, demanding urgent action and stating: "We have to stop this terrible, incurable disease spreading in any way we can. We owe it to many innocent people, including children. If there was an outbreak of cholera and typhoid there would be no hesitation."

Change in mental handicap care urged

By Jill Sherman

Community services can inhibit community life, according to a report out today, which calls for a radical reappraisal of mental handicap services.

The report, from the Campaign for People with Mental Handicaps, is based on a study carried out in the United States.

It gives a warning that planners often fall into the trap of thinking that mentally handicapped people need the constant support of special services.

Its author, Alison Wertheimer, the campaign director, says planners should stop putting up special buildings which segregate the mentally handicapped from community life.

Planners should be aware that sometimes people in the community were more useful than services to those with mental handicaps.

The report says: "Much thinking and planning about how best to meet the needs of people with mental handicaps is dominated by discussions about services and somewhere along the line the people themselves can easily get lost."

Images of possibility (CMH publications, 5 Kennings Court, Cambridgeshire, CB1 7S).

Soft drink gas could save lives

By a Staff Reporter

A gas cylinder normally used to put the fizz into soft drinks could save the lives of miners, industrial workers and lone yachtsmen.

A cylinder of oxygen fitted to a new lightweight breathing bag could provide a 30-minute supply of air to victims of smoke, fumes or poisonous gas. That could just be enough to get them to fresh air and safety.

In the case of mining and industrial accidents, which often involve air poisoning, the best precaution is to provide every man with his own breathing apparatus. Conventional equipment, however, resembles that used by skin divers. It is too heavy, cumbersome and expensive.

Soft drinks cylinders, however, weigh barely a pound as they are stamped out of a single thin disc of metal. They are extremely strong, safe and leak proof, ideal portable equipment breathing apparatus down mines.

In an emergency, a miner pulls a mouthpiece from a safety box at his side and that activates the oxygen bottle and inflates a plastic bag. As he breathes, poisonous carbon dioxide is extracted to keep the air sweet in the bag until the oxygen cylinder gives out.

Two companies are developing the bags, and one, the Draeger Safety Group, of Blyth, Northumberland, will start production in the next few months.

Another fresh application for the cylinder is in a compact, self-inflating liferaft now in production by Sea Sure Safety and Survival, of Aldershot. Self-inflating rafts are usually large, heavy and expensive.

The Jon Buoy, however, is so compact and lightweight that it can be carried by the smallest yacht and it not only provides support for the victim, it also insulates him against the cold. The victim can even be winched up by a special lifting ring if he is too weak to move when rescued.

Police sue over car accident

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

The West Midlands branch of the Police Federation is bringing a legal action against the West Midlands Police Authority because of an accident in an Austin Metro car in which one of its members was injured.

There has been concern about a number of accidents involving Metros which were suspected of having been caused by petrol spilling on the road leading to the driver losing control of the vehicle.

In June the Northumbrian police drew the attention of the Department of Transport to six accidents involving civilians where it appeared that petrol had spilled from a newly filled tank as the car drove on a fast left-hand bend.

A spokesman for the West Midlands branch of the federation said it was making a claim after an accident in August last year in which a police sergeant based at Solihull was injured when he appeared to lose control of a Metro.

Another source said there were about five police cases of a similar nature pending, and he was aware of others involving civilians.

The Department of Transport said its engineers had examined the Metro and had been unable to induce any spillage where the cap on the petrol tank was properly fitted. Where they had deliberately induced spillage, that had not caused any problem.

The Royal Automobile Club and the Automobile Association said they had no knowledge of any legal actions based on accidents which might have been caused by petrol spillage from the Metro. The RAC also said it was examining the Metro.

A spokesman for Austin Rover said that with the filler cap properly fitted there was no possibility of spillage. Problems only seemed to arise where a non-standard cap was used.

Science report

New light on eruption of volcanic islands

By Keith Hindley

An Israeli geophysicist, working in the United States, has suggested a theory that may explain the pattern of secondary activity in volcanic islands.

The long chain of Hawaiian islands is a set of five, mile-high volcanoes that have risen, one after the other, from the Pacific sea floor.

They all erupt once, pause and then erupt again in turn - a true natural assembly line.

The general explanation for these periodic outpourings is that the sea floor there is moving slowly north-westwards over a hot spot, an intense source of heat from deep within the earth's mantle.

As molten rock builds up above the hot spot, the sea floor is breached and a new volcano begins to build towards the surface of the sea.

Eventually, the cone matures into an island and passes the danger zone. It goes cold and begins to weather away.

So much is widely accepted. But why is it, after three-quarters of a million years of extinction and after moving 115 miles from the original source of magma, each volcano suddenly begins erupting again? The new phase is less violent than the first and

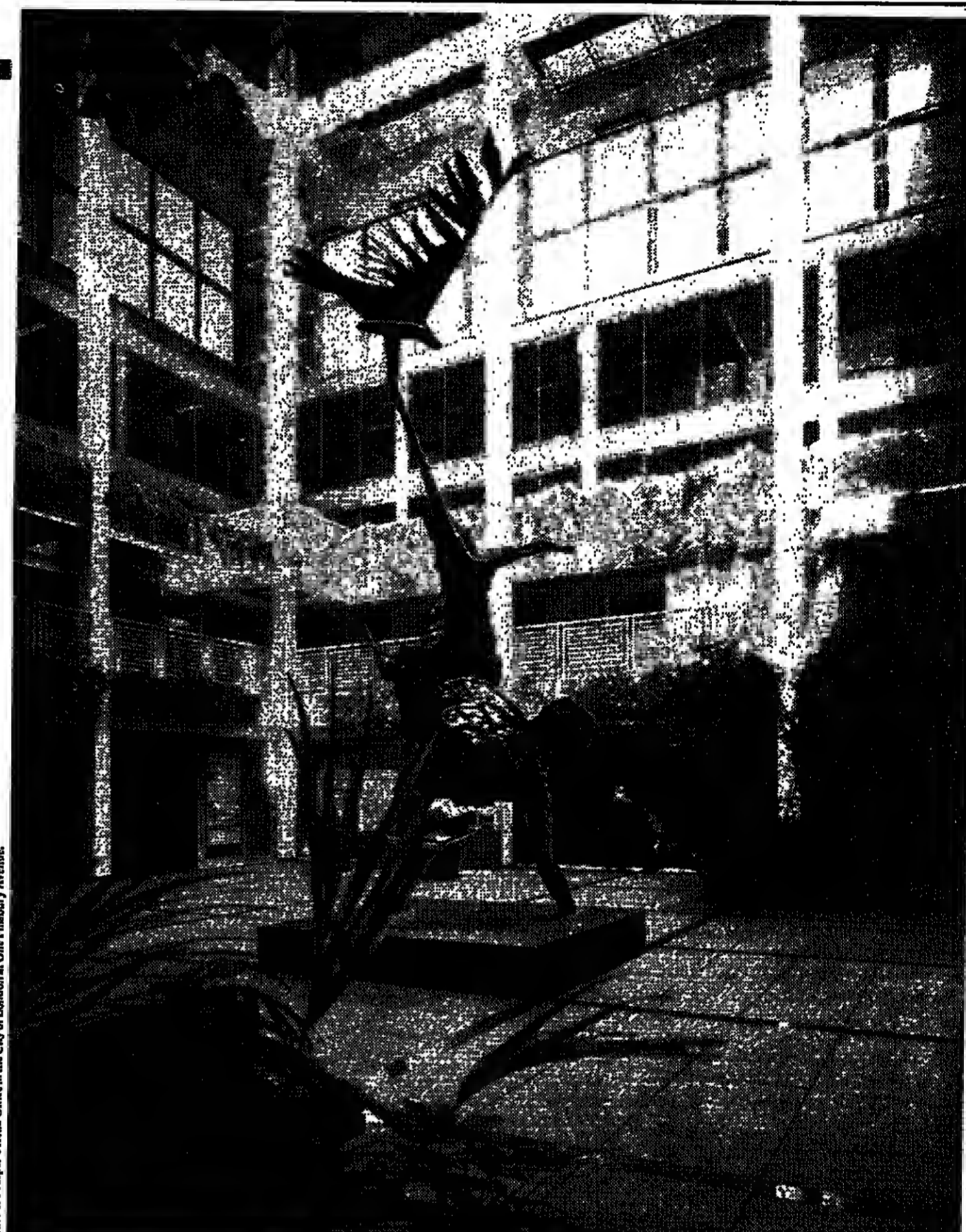
occurs near the base of the original volcanic cone.

The mystery may have been solved at last by the geophysicist, Uri Siten Brink, of the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in Palisades, New York. At a recent meeting of the American Geophysical Union in Baltimore he described seismic studies that showed a vast raft of horizontal lava beds beneath the line of volcanoes, starting where the violent primary activity begins to quiet.

His theory is that magma actually flows for longer but remains trapped.

When a volcano forms, as lava begins to flow, it rapidly gains weight that is spread widely over the ocean plate below. Eventually it becomes heavy enough to stop the flow - like a thumb on a fizzy lemonade bottle - forcing the magma to flow outwards forming beds, or sills, up to 2½ miles thick and 120 miles across.

If this notion is correct then much larger quantities of lava must be produced than anyone has so far imagined and the hot spot itself must be much bigger, perhaps 180 miles long by 120 miles across.



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Dengists win a new code of behaviour for China's billion

From Robert Grievies, Peking

The Chinese Communist Party yesterday announced the adoption of a new code of behaviour for China's one billion citizens at the conclusion of its annual plenary session.

The official Radio Peking announced that the 210-member Central Committee of the party, which met during the past few days in Peking's Great Hall of the People, had passed a resolution on "the guiding principles of the construction of socialist spiritual civilization".

The new code of behaviour China is to abandon a programme to simplify more than 850 written characters, because of confusion surrounding their use (AFP reports from Peking). The decision will not affect a further 2,400 characters simplified in 1964.

is an attempt by Dengists to replace Maoist ideology with principles based on a market-oriented economy, according to Western diplomats.

That attempt was expected to meet stiff resistance from conservatives within the party. A new code of behaviour and ethics has been viewed by some observers here as the vitally needed ideological consolidation of the Dengist reforms. It could also help rebuild the party's prestige, which has been battered by abuses of power and economic crimes associated with the open door policy.

"Since 1979, when China began its economic reform and opening to the outside world, people's ideological concepts have changed," the official party newspaper, *People's Daily*, said.

Free press: Chinese officials are drafting laws that will ensure press freedom with "socialist characteristics" in the People's Republic.

Mr Sun Yuyei, the deputy director of the Institute of Journalism under the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said at the weekend that drafting of the laws, begun about two years ago, was progressing well.

After undergoing extensive review, the laws are expected to be submitted to the National People's Congress, China's Parliament, for final approval in 1988.

The concept of press freedom in China would have been unthinkable five years ago. But in the current period of cultural liberalization, which has witnessed a flowering of the Chinese cinema, arts and letters, the move to codify the rights and responsibilities of Chinese journalists has met with widespread approval.

"The situation now is much better than before, but I believe the press can be even more open."

But the concept of press freedom in China is not the same as that in the West. Recently, a deputy minister in the Government's Propaganda Department said that newspaper editors, rather than the Communist Party, should have the final say, so that they can make "better propaganda".



General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, left, waving to well-wishers on his arrival at Peking airport yesterday, where he was greeted by the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. Wu Xueqian, right.

General Jaruzelski's official visit could herald closer relations between China and the Soviet Union's East European allies (Robert Grievies writes). He is the first East European leader, with the exception of President Ceausescu of Romania, to visit China since Peking and Moscow split over ideological and foreign policy differences in the early 1960s, and is the first Polish leader to visit China since 1959.

He had talks with Mr. Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Premier, and is expected to be in Peking for three days, after having visited Mongolia and North Korea.

The visit was hastily arranged to take place before an official visit to China next month by Mr. Erich Honecker, the East German leader.

The Chinese Communist Party has formal ties with its counterparts in Romania and Yugoslavia.

In recent years economic and political contacts have been resumed between China and Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria — contacts that reportedly have Moscow's tacit approval.

Pakistan toughens up security at airports

Karachi (AFP) — Pakistan has initiated tough measures to tighten security at chief airports after the hijacking of a Pan Am jumbo jet on September 5, official sources said yesterday.

X-ray machines are being installed here and at Islamabad airports to check baggage, and more highly trained security personnel have been brought in.

Twenty-two people died and scores were wounded when four Arab hijackers opened fire on the passengers.

Since the hijacking, senior officials of the Interior Ministry and the Civil Aviation Department have been holding regular security meetings.

The airport perimeter here, cleared of undergrowth, has been fenced with barbed wire and is being patrolled by armed squads. Eighteen watchtowers have been erected and equipped with searchlights.

Britain answers Haiti's request for food aid

The initial consignment of a £250,000 British food package will arrive in Haiti on Saturday in one of the first responses to the country's call for aid since the overthrow of President Jean-Claude Duvalier in February.

The food relief, comprising vegetable oil from Singapore, kidney beans from Canada and maize from the United States, is expected to feed 20,000 people in the next year.

The package, paid for by the British Government after an appeal from Haiti two months ago, was organized by British Care, part of an international relief agency based in Paris.

British Care said that Haiti was one of the five poorest nations in the world and that its 5.6 million people, who earn an average of less than \$200 (£136) a year, were in desperate need of more food.

Billy Graham in France Evangelist changes mockery to respect

From Diana Geddes, Paris

When Billy Graham asked the religious editor of *Le Monde* what he would do if he were going on a Protestant evangelistic crusade to Catholic France, the journalist replied: "I would turn right round and go back home. It's a hopeless task."

On Saturday night, the last of Billy Graham's eight-day mission in France, 18,500 people flocked to the newly-built Bercy sports stadium in Paris to hear the American evangelist preach. Two thousand watched on a video screen in an overflow room in the stadium and one thousand more had to be turned away.

In all, more than 100,000 came to Bercy to see Billy Graham in person, while another 300,000 watched him on enormous screens in 33 other towns.

Seven per cent "came forward" to take Jesus into their hearts and restart their lives — almost twice as many as in normal missions in the United States.

By all accounts, this latest crusade to France — the first for 23 years — has been a success. Yet the augurs were by no means good. A Gallup poll taken just before Billy Graham arrived showed that only 15 per cent of the population had heard of him.

The French press was extremely sceptical before the crusade began. It condemned the 7 million francs (£700,000) cost of the mission and spoke with horror of expecting to see a slick, Bible-thumping, South-American preacher, promising instant salvation, propped up by stant loudspeakers, screaming razzmatazz, and massed choirs, all helping to hypnotize the crowds to a fervour which had little to do with religion.

But as the week progressed and the journalists had a chance to see how the predominantly poor and ill-educated audience was being moved not by the razzmatazz, which was not much in evidence, but by Billy Graham's simplicity and sincerity, the mocking tone had a certain respect and admiration.

"It's real," said a Protestant pastor from Le Havre said with a smile. "I'd never be able to touch a lot of these people here, yet he does."

Mr Bob Evans, former head of the Greater Europe Bible Mission who has lived in France for the past 40 years, commented: "The response is a surprise to us all. There's such heavy secularism in France; it's not fashionable to be religious here. But Billy Graham has obviously struck a vein of gold somewhere. He's shown that underneath it all people are longing for something else."

Ceausescu pushes for new capital

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

Romania may soon have a new capital. President Ceausescu has announced that it is intended to move the capital from Bucharest to Tirgoviste, the medieval capital of the Wallachian state, some 50 miles north-west of the present capital.

The final decision, President Ceausescu said, has to be taken by the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party but there seems no doubt that the President is intent on carrying out his long cherished plan to move the capital to the medieval centre of the state and culture.

The town now has a population of some 90,000 but 300 years ago it was the capital of Wallachia.

It was also the seat of the Duke Mircea the Great, whose anniversary was celebrated in Romania with a hitherto unmatched pomp.

Obviously Mr Ceausescu wishes to establish the continuity of the Romanian state from the Middle Ages to the present.

In a speech to mark the anniversary of the Duke's installation as ruler of Wallachia, President Ceausescu told the people of Tirgoviste that if they worked hard their demand to move the capital to their city would be crowned with success.

According to reports from Romania, an international airport is already being built there and preparations are being made to build a railway line connecting the city with the present capital.

President Ceausescu said the complete modernization of the small medieval town would be carried out in the course of the next three or four years.

Rebels put terms for a ceasefire

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Communist rebels in the Philippines are to propose a temporary nationwide ceasefire of 30 days or longer but with rigid safeguards, including committees to monitor the agreement.

A statement signed by the two negotiators of the left-wing National Democratic Front (NDF), Mr Satur Ocampo and Mr Antonio Zamel, rejected as "dangerous" the Government's unconditional ceasefire offer.

Instead they proposed the immediate formation of a national committee "to monitor and supervise the ceasefire and to arbitrate all disputes that may arise from any violation".

Similar committees on a regional and provincial level comprised of people "mutually accepted for probity, impartiality and personal integrity" would ensure both sides strictly observed the ceasefire terms, they said.

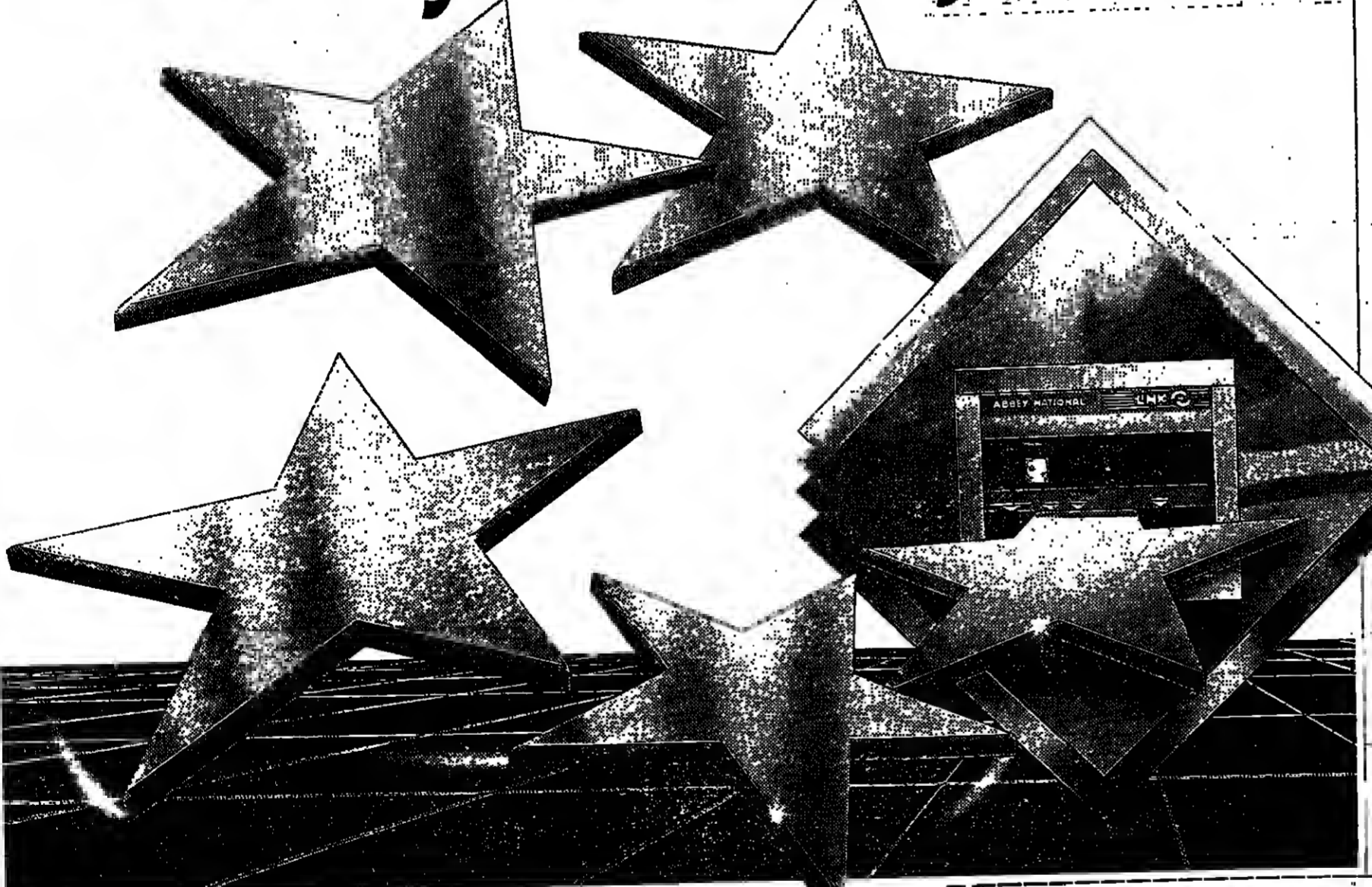
The plan was a "positive" development, the Executive Secretary, Mr Joker Arroyo said. "A ceasefire is always welcome. Anything that saves lives is welcome."

● ZAMBOANGA: Muslim militants who kidnapped a Swiss tourist, Mr Hans Kunzli, and are believed to be holding him on Jolo island, 600 miles south of Manila, have hardened their demands two days before a military-imposed deadline for his release, the Philippine military said yesterday (AP reports).

The military said the prospects that the hostage would be released soon dimmed because the militants had reverted to their original demand for a ransom of \$100,000 (£70,420).

Mr Kunzli, in letter, asked for the ransom to be paid.

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World Bridge British women third behind US winners

From A Bridge Correspondent, Miami Beach

After the penultimate session of the women's world pairs championship Jacqui Mitchell and Amanda Kearse of New York, led by two boards with the Britons Sally Horton and Sandra Landy in fifth place, four-and-a-half boards behind.

In the final session the British women scored 61 per cent and might well have moved into second place but for a miracle session by two 21-year-old Danes who scored 66.4 to move from sixth to the silver medal position.

Horton and Landy took the bronze for the second successive time — Biarritz in 1982 was the previous occasion — and Mitchell and Kearse needed no more than an average final session to clinch the title with something in hand.

Mitchell has won three previous world titles, the women's team olympiad and the Venice Trophy (the world's inter-zonal women's teams championship).

For Kearse this is a first title. As a Federal Circuit Court of Appeals judge she has little time for tournament bridge.

There were dramatic turn-about in the third and fourth sessions of the open pairs world championship.

In the third session Australians Paul Marston and Stephen Burgess rocketed into top place with a 64 per cent session, two boards clear of the Americans Eril Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth.

But in the fourth and penultimate session the Australians scored below average to drop into third while Meckstroth and Rodwell moved into first place almost four boards clear of the second-placed Americans Chris Compton and Ed Wold.

The final places are: 1. Meckstroth and Rodwell 3847; 2. Heinrich Berger and Wolfgang Meisl (Austria) 3595; 3. Burgess and Marston 3572; 4. Curtis Compton and Ed Wold (USA) 3558; 5. Gabriel Chagas and Marcelo Branco (Brazil) 3526; 6. Andre Mulder and Max Rebattu, (Netherlands) 3513; 43. Glyn Liggins and Andy Robson (Great Britain) 3041.

The USA, who took gold in all four events, automatically retain the Charles Solomon Cup awarded to the country with the best overall performance.

Before the next pairs olympiad the British bridge authorities must find the means, through its own efforts if outside assistance is unavailable, to give financial support to its leading pairs so that our performance should represent our high standing in world bridge.

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The boom that rattled the roof

Photographs by Alan Walker



The price of houses is soaring on the wings of cheap credit in the biggest sellers' market since the

1970s. But behind the boom *The Times* has found hardship, questionable lending policies, unprecedented mortgage arrears and a widening north-south gap. We open a three-part series with a look at causes and effects; we meet a man who grew rich simply by buying and selling; and we ask: just how much will they let you borrow? Should lending be regulated?

Part One: An upwardly-mobile market

In the summer of 1985, a family moved out of a five-bedroomed house in Walton-on-Thames, at the heart of the Surrey commuter belt. The selling price: £265,000. A year later, the same house came on to the market again. The selling price: about £335,000. Over the same 12-month period, the price of a three-bedroomed unmodernized terrace house in Fulham leapt from £110,000 to £142,000. In Pinchick, another booming area, a four-storey house increased in value from £158,000 to £220,000 in less than a year.

These are examples of the dramatic boom in property prices. The main factors behind the explosion are:

- Easy money. Institutions are falling over each other to lend, in some cases with disastrous consequences for the borrower.
- Supply and demand. Encouraged by government policy more people, including council tenants, want to buy, but the buying stock increases by only one per cent a year.
- Land scarcity. Green Belt legislation means that land for housing is hard to find and expensive to buy.
- Spending power. Tax changes and the growth of real incomes mean that people have more cash to spare each month.

This is all well and good for many of those on high incomes who are already on the property spiral. But behind the figures lie signs of young couples stretched to breaking point by repayments on mortgages of nearly four times their salaries, loans which even the brokers who arrange them regard as "suicidal".

About 300,000 owner-occupiers in Britain are in serious mortgage arrears, according to research by Dr John Doling, senior lecturer at Birmingham University's Centre for Urban Regional Studies. They represent 5 per cent of the mortgage-paying public. This new social problem, he says, can only get worse unless government housing policy changes.

Dr Doling, who has made a two-year study of mortgage debt, claims that there are cases of serious arrears spread across the

whole spectrum of house ownership. "Official figures from the building societies about the number of repossessions are misleading to say the least," he says. "They refer to cases where people have been more than six months in arrears. Some mortgage lending institutions go for legal repossession long before six months have passed."

"At present it is too easy to raise mortgage money. I have known of many cases where borrowers have raised considerably more than 100 per cent. Some lenders have been granting mortgages at income ratios much higher than they would have done a few years ago."

The boom has created some extraordinary social phenomena. Increasing numbers of borrowers are finding themselves:

- On the point of being evicted by a building society or a bank.
- Going without a car, a holiday, or even the occasional night out because the mortgage is costing up to two-thirds of take-home pay.
- Living in sin, because that is the only way to get full advantage from mortgage tax relief.

The problem is exacerbated by the fact that everybody - except the first-time buyer - has a vested interest in spiraling prices. Building societies, banks, mortgage brokers, estate agents, surveyors, builders, solicitors - all benefit. Consequently no one is prepared to step in and stop the spiral.

Meanwhile there is a huge widening, north-south divide in the price of houses. Whereas the yearly increase to July was 21.9 per cent in Greater London, 16.3 per cent in the south-east (excluding Greater London) and 13.8 per cent in East Anglia, in the north the average - according to the Halifax Building Society - was less than 4 per cent, while in Scotland it was under 3 per cent. The national average increase was 14 per cent - well above the rate of inflation.

The widening of the north-south gap is confirmed by Mr David Leslie of Dudley Charlton, the biggest agents in the north-east. "Price rises here have been very modest for two years and we shall be lucky if they rise by as much as 5 per cent in the next year," he said, adding that the influx of foreign money had helped to force up southern prices.

The present boom does not compare with the peaks of the



'All I did was buy what I could afford at the time; the market followed me'

North to south, rags to riches

Henry Mee is not a successful property developer - but he has a track record that would be the envy of one. In fact he is a successful portrait painter and in 1975 his first venture into property had all the hallmarks of the young artist struggling to get by.

Nevertheless, in 1981, the Leeds house was compulsorily purchased by the city council for £5,000 - only half its market value of £10,000 but enough to allow Mr Mee to put down a deposit on a £17,000 Victorian house in Camberwell, south London, then still to acquire its present status. Buying that house from



Canvas returns: society painter Henry Mee paid £17,000 in 1981 for a house, left, in Camberwell. Now he owns, right, a former admiral's home worth £235,000.

the Halifax believe the increased availability of mortgage finance and the recent fall in mortgage rates may have contributed to the price boom.

A recent report by the Halifax said: "Since the stock of housing is more or less fixed and there are few alternatives to owner-occupation, house prices will reflect effective demand pressures and will be driven by households' ability to pay."

One consequence of high prices is that first-time buyers are having difficulty getting into the market. Lending and borrowing in the Seventies was done at a time of high inflation and wage increases which kept pace with that inflation. If you did take the risk of borrowing beyond your means your income quickly grew to solve the problem.

Now, however, if borrowers overstretch themselves they cannot rely on inflation to get them out of trouble.

Land costs dramatically influence house prices. Although builders are coy about revealing the costs which go to make up a house price, Wimpey, one of the largest, has provided figures

which illustrate the huge north-south divide in prices.

They compare a two-bedroom end of terrace house in Hayes, Middlesex, where land costs about £400,000 an acre, and one in Doncaster, where land is about £42,000 an acre. The cost of each house breaks down like this:

Doncaster	
Land.....	£2,100
Materials/labour.....	£16,000
Marketing etc.....	£900
Total.....	£19,000
Sale price.....	£23,500
Profit.....	£4,500

Hayes	
Land.....	£20,000
Materials/labour.....	£17,600
Marketing.....	£1,900
Total.....	£39,500
Selling price.....	£58,000
Profit.....	£18,500

A first-time buyer might be stretched to afford the Hayes house, but there are many others who can. The easy availability of loans and the relaxation of the

lending criteria by some building societies and leading institutions is seen by some as fuelling the rise in prices.

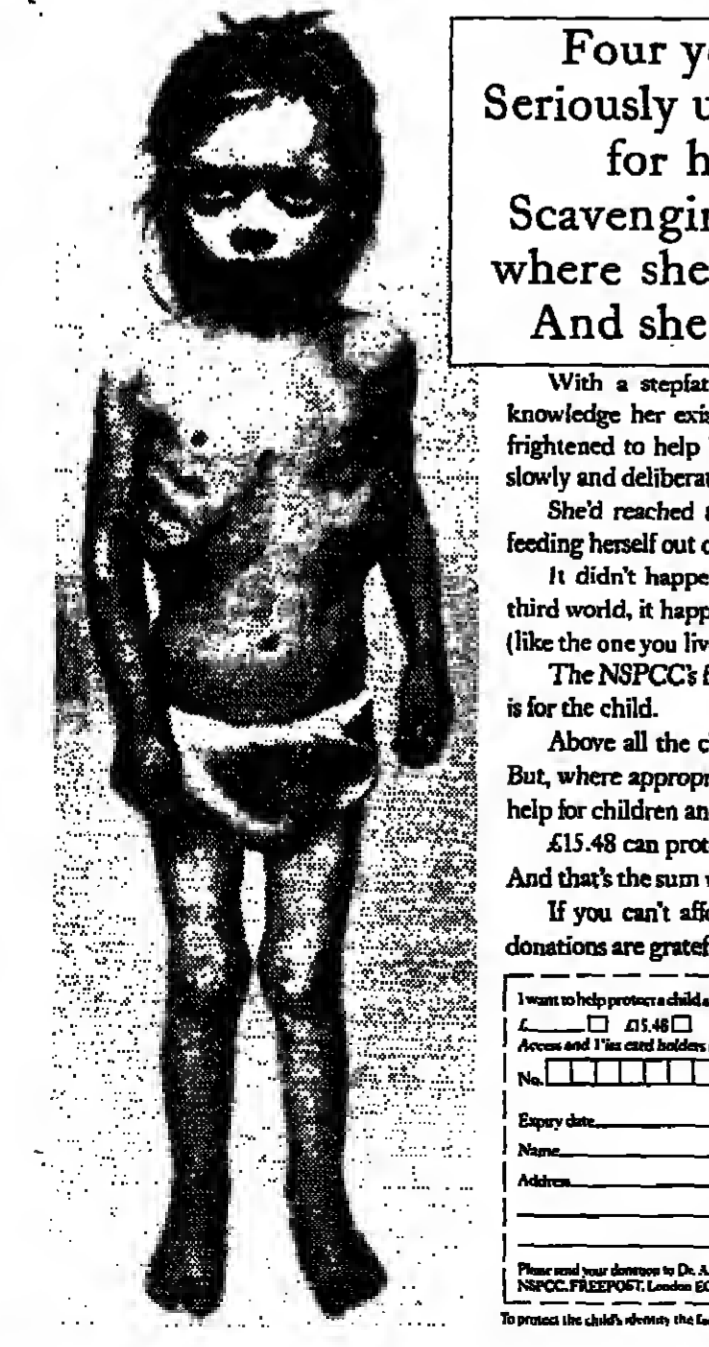
Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of the Office of Fair Trading believes that money lenders should take on more responsibility for the problems their easy credit policies are creating. They should increase their support for voluntary bodies which offer help to hard-pressed debtors.

"Financial institutions have a responsibility to help solve the problem - or face the prospect of government regulations that would force them to do so," he says.

Mr Mark Boleat, secretary-general of the Building Societies Association, rejects the widely-canvassed view that lending makes for dearer homes. "It depends far more on the number of people who want to buy a house."

Most estate agents say they are not to blame for the boom. Peter Miller, housing spokesman for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, admits that a good estate agent will get the best price for a property by his expertise in valuing and marketing, but says: "I don't think you can cook the market. People have got enough time to get out of a transaction if they want to."

But Andrew Langton, of the London agents Aylesford, says that certain agents in booming areas "can talk prices up. If they read the business pages and paid more attention to the fall in oil prices (which has reduced Arab property investment here) rather than concentrate on earning their new car, there might be a more sensible market. Too many estate agents talk too loudly to too many people, and that can cause prices to jump."



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Limitless loans

Have lending criteria become too lax? There is no shortage of people in the leading business willing to let prospective buyers take on frightening debts. Indeed some mortgage brokers will arrange loans they themselves regard as foolhardy.

Prospective home-owners who are determined to push their resources to the limit will find dozens of mortgage brokers willing to assist them take on a debt that would make most banks and building societies shriek with horror.

Based on a random selection of mortgage brokers, *The Times* found that a single person earning £14,800 per annum could obtain a 100 per cent mortgage anywhere between £42,000 and £52,500.

One broker said he could raise £61,000 for a person on £16,500 a year. That mortgage, on a low-cost endowment basis, would cost £267 a month out of a net income of £927.

'You've got no margin at all'

If you question brokers about the wisdom of taking on a mortgage above the £42,000 mark, most would strongly advise you to think again. Yet there's nothing to stop you taking on a debt of this magnitude.

Malbridge Financial Services, for example, offered the maximum obtainable mortgage of £52,500, three and three quarters times a salary of £14,000, at 12 per cent interest. However, the broker acknowledged that 'you're letting yourself in for a lot of trouble with this kind of commitment.'

He added: "To be perfectly honest, few lenders are prepared to give you more than three times your income. At the moment interest rates are relatively low,

Tomorrow Easy money and broken hearts

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MR KINNOCK'S PARTY

Labour enters its annual conference at Blackpool this week in a higher state of morale and with greater public support than any unprejudiced observer would have thought possible only three years ago.

poverty package and an anti-unemployment package. On these the party gets a reasonably clean bill of health.

deterring while disavowing it and indeed placing obstacles in the way of its operation. The voters are bound to reflect in the three weeks of an election campaign that a policy which relies upon the goodwill of a country it simultaneously insults is not likely to prove much of a defence.

MR REAGAN RESISTS SANCTIONS

President Reagan vetoed the Congressional Anti-apartheid Bill on Friday night on the grounds that the sanctions it imposed would hurt the very people that they were meant to help.

but contribute significantly to Pretoria's balance of payments. Sanctions on coal have just been rejected by the EEC.

ing or scaling down sanctions in response to reforms introduced by Pretoria. He might thus reduce the international damage in the bill before him.

IN A FARAWAY COUNTRY

Recent events in Czechoslovakia serve to remind us of the grim conditions that prevail in that unhappy country 18 years after the Warsaw Pact invasion.

against the last fragment of "loyal opposition" has been the arrest on September 2 of eight leading members of the Jazz Section of the Musicians' Union.

Jan Dus and the Jazz Section are both popular in their own country, and both have tried to maintain an open, legal and legitimate posture in their dealings with the authorities.

A spectre over UK industry

From Viscount Watkinson, CH Sir, How right you were to raise the future of Austin Rover in your issue of September 22.

Help for chemistry

From Professor Emeritus Sir Ewart Jones Sir, I have compiled the following facts, not hitherto available, which are relevant to the current discussion about education, research grants and national needs.

Third World twins

From Mr Paul Williams Sir, Following the correspondence (September 19 and 23) about Third World twin twinning, your readers may be interested to know that in March last year the then Lesotho High Commissioner came to Cardiff to launch the linking of Wales with Lesotho.

Fruitless question

From Mr J. E. P. Froggatt Sir, May I offer a choice of practical responses to Mr Lee's dilemma (September 22)? Most simply, if the Royal Horticultural Society is to be believed, a planting of the self-fertile J.C. van Tol will give him regular good crops of red berries and reliable pollination of his other holly bushes, if female.

Polls apart

From the Managing Director of Market and Opinion Research International Sir, B.C. Barton (September 24) advances the alleged fragility of the alliance between the Liberals and the SDP as a reason why opinion polls should show support for the two separately.

Ensuring funds for rescue digs

From the Director of the Council for British Archaeology Sir, The letter from the Chief Executive of English Heritage (September 25) raises an important issue of principle.

The English Heritage submission to the same committee was non-committal in this respect. To our regret, and so it is heartening to learn that there has been a change of heart in Fortress House.

Fears for Mendips

From Mr V. D. Dennison Sir, In their letter (September 9), Wing Commander D.D. Martin and Mr David Hicks wrote about "the restrictive powers of AONB (area of outstanding natural beauty) designation".

Highway justice

From Mr John C. Long Sir, Much attention has been given to the recent extension of fixed penalties for motorists as covered in your leader, "Highway justice" (September 11).

The Liberal tradition

From Dr Michael Bentley Sir, Mr Jo Grimond's serene mangling of Liberal history (feature, September 24) is as charming as its author: it reads like a retrospective poem composed in the calm of Orkney.

Streets ahead

From Mr Martin Knapp Sir, Now that the editorial offices and presses of so many newspapers have a new location, how long will "Fleet Street" remain as a synonym for the Press?

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AMERICAN PAPERS.

CITY OF WASHINGTON DESTROYED.

NEW-YORK, Aug. 28. This day we have the disagreeable task of recording the capture and destruction of the city of Washington, the capital of the United States. Six months ago, no one could have thought such an event could have possibly taken place.

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THE ARTS

Television Chilling power of racism

Every good play about activists is also a play about racism, in which the characters wrestle with their consciences in full view of the audience. Death Is Part of the Process (BBC1) was a piece in this category. Based on the novel by Hilda Bernstein, which won the Sinclair prize in 1982, it concerned a fictional splinter-group of the African National Congress dedicated to attacking the symbols of apartheid in South Africa.

Operetta: Hilary Finch acclaims Jonathan Miller's new production of The Mikado at the Coliseum Debunking exhilaration

There may not be barrel-organs left in the streets of London to grind out Sullivan's hit numbers, but I have a shrewd suspicion that "The sun whose rays" and "Til willow" will soon be vying for space on the audio systems of the metropolis with show-stoppers from Les Misérables and 42nd Street. Jonathan Miller's new production of The Mikado (in association with the Los Angeles Music Centre) has put the work back where it belongs: on its toes in the brightest footlights of musical theatre.



The production's final seal of style: Felicity Palmer and Eric Idle, as Katisha and Ko-Ko, dance their pas de deux

Opera Back to lyrical nature

The Valkyrie Covent Garden/ Radio 3

It is a considerable shock when the curtain goes up on Act 1 of Welsh National Opera's The Valkyrie. The vaguely Victorian railway arches of The Rheingold have been pushed aside. Instead, Hunding's hut is as "traditionally" depicted as any diarch conservative would wish: all brown and primitive, a massive oak within, and a picturesque snowstorm without. It is a fitting setting for Göran Jarvafelt's unashamedly naturalistic and very sensitive staging of the Siegfried/Siegmond love-scenes, and for the most ardently lyrical singing we have yet heard in this Ring.

Theatre Double bill Donmar Warehouse

We value good comedians more for their personalities than for their material. Ben Keaton is a Dubliner who won a Perrier Fringe Award at this year's Edinburgh Festival, and his show, Intimate Memoirs of an Irish Taxidermist, deserves the praise it has received. Keaton is tall, thin and gangly, with a guileless, pleasant face across whose contours - he compares his profile to a wall-map of Ireland - mischief leaps and darts in nervous spasms. A lightness of touch, a nimble sophistication of timing and phrase, seems built into the Irish soul, and Keaton woos the audience with a stealthily deployed charm.

The exuberant fourth volume of autobiography by Maya Angelou (right), The Heart of a Woman, has recently been published in Britain: interview by Cressida Connolly

"I have to tell you a story. It was 1972 and I was going to marry an English fellow. And he took me to a pub where one of England's famous minimal sculptors came over. He came and sat and said 'I've heard about you and I've read so much about American Negroes. Tell me, what is it like? Tell me about the awfulness of being a black American.' So I said the worst part of it is having a silly bastard like you come and ask me a stupid question like that. That's the worst of it." Maya Angelou leans back and lets out a shriek of laughter at the memory.

Celebrations of friendship

"The terrible things" - it's very hard to write melodramatic without being melodramatic. It leans too close to purple prose." She recounts the incident of the minimal sculptor with obvious relish and then grows thoughtful. "Sympathy is one thing, and it's wonderful. It's one of the reasons we are alive, and it elevates the intellect as well as the spirit. But to pity anyone is to have it over them. I married a man in West Africa who was royalty, and his family motto was 'Royalty does not weep in the street,' and I understood that at once, because my grandmother used to say to me 'Sister, you may cry if you want to - but the more you cry the less you will see, and



peeping is much more important" to write melodramatic. Angelou's grandmother is the central character of her first book of autobiography, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, and has been a lasting influence. It was to this grandmother that she was sent to live at the age of three and to whom she returned when, at seven, she was raped by her mother's lover. The experience left her mute for the next five years. That she should have been unable to speak for so long seems ironic, for Angelou is a woman who uses her voice to the full. It is a deep and resonant voice, frequently turning to bursts of laughter and, in our interview, song. There were two bus-

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Rock Chris de Burgh Wembley Arena

When the editorial staff of Melody Maker recently devised an hilarious lampoon of the new music and arts magazine Q, they sought a star to feature on their "cover" who would strike an immediate chord of antipathy with that minority of rock fans serious enough to buy a music paper. A picture of the beaming Chris de Burgh fitted the bill exactly.

6 Artists at Sanderson OCTOBER 2 - OCTOBER 24. William Bowyer, RA, RWS, RP, NEAC. Frederick Cuming, RA, NEAC. Edward Dawson, NEAC. John Hiscok. John Ingham, NEAC, ARCA. Timothy Scott Bolton. Sanderson, Berners Street, London W1. Monday to Saturday 9.30 - 5.30. Admission Free.

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Concerts ECO/Davis Elizabeth Hall. It seems a long time since we heard Sir Colin Davis and Mozart in a small concert hall. Perhaps, Tate and Uchida have been putting the English Chamber Orchestra through their Mozartian paces, and the time was ripe for them to be taken to hand by Sir Colin.

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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

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Industrial pay rises lowest in three years

Pay rises in manufacturing industry have fallen to their lowest level for three years, the employers' organization, the Confederation of British Industry, said today. But at 5.5 per cent they remain at least twice as high as the Government and industry say is necessary to prevent the wrecking of industrial competitiveness.

The CBI underlined its concern today by recording Britain's "bleak" position in the international labour cost competitiveness league. Costs in Britain have risen by 7.5 per cent in the last 12 months against 5.5 per cent in Japan, 4.7 per cent in West Germany, 2.5 per cent in France and 1.2 per cent in the United States.

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Pressure builds for increase in base rates

From Bailey Morris and David Smith, Washington

Pressure for a politically damaging rise in base rates will intensify this week, after the failure of the leading industrialized countries to agree new initiatives to hold exchange rates steady. The consensus was that, in the absence of concrete new measures, there is nothing to stop the dollar's slide resuming, and the pound's fall continuing.

Extel is likely to be 'white knight'

By Our City Editor

Extel, the printing, news agency and publishing group, is expected to emerge later this week as a "white knight" in the £146 million takeover bid for bankrupt printer, McCordale.

Mr Alan Brooker, Extel's chairman and chief executive, would neither confirm nor deny speculation that preliminary discussions had already taken place with McCordale. "I am simply refusing to make any comment whatsoever," he said yesterday.

City dubious over Labour's plan for investment bank

By John Bell, City Editor

The Labour Party's plans for a new National Investment Bank funded by the forced repatriation of overseas investments could have a damaging effect on overseas investment in Britain, according to a study prepared by the Stock Exchange.



£5.5bn chases TSB

When the number crunching was over the TSB share offer attracted more than twice as many applicants as British Telecom - dubbed "the people's share".

Perhaps it was the TSB's own billing as the steal of the century that brought almost 5 million applications for shares (writes Lawrence Lever). The overwhelming response has delayed the first day of dealings by two days to October 16.

New gilts market to have second dry run

By Richard Thomson

Another dress rehearsal for the new gilts market is to be held on October 18, a week before the market opens. The first rehearsal, last Saturday went smoothly, the Bank of England said over the weekend.

IMF forecasts UK deficit of £900m

The International Monetary Fund sees only a modest upturn in world growth next year and is gloomy about prospects for Britain, its latest World Economic Outlook published in Washington yesterday, sees growth in Britain remaining sluggish and a shift into deficit on the balance of payments.

The IMF's balance of payments prediction for Britain is particularly embarrassing for the Treasury, which has been insisting that the underlying current account position remains strong, despite a run of gloomy trade figures. IMF projections are for a current account deficit of \$1.3 billion (£900 million) next year, after a surplus of \$2.3 billion this year.

Accountants prepare for new standard

The Accounting Standards Committee of the combined accountancy bodies will today launch the publication of a booklet - "Accounting for the effects of changing prices" - which offers a basis for discussion about the formulation of a new current cost accounting standard.

The existing standard, SSAP16, has fallen out of favour and in April the ASC recommended its withdrawal. The need for a new standard has seemed less urgent since the rate of inflation fell below 2.5 per cent.

Channel Tunnel should make £154m in first year

By Lawrence Lever

Modest rates of interest and inflation underpin the financial projections for the Channel Tunnel, according to the pathfinder prospectus published today. The prospectus paves the way for a £200 million private placing to raise the second tranche of equity for the project.

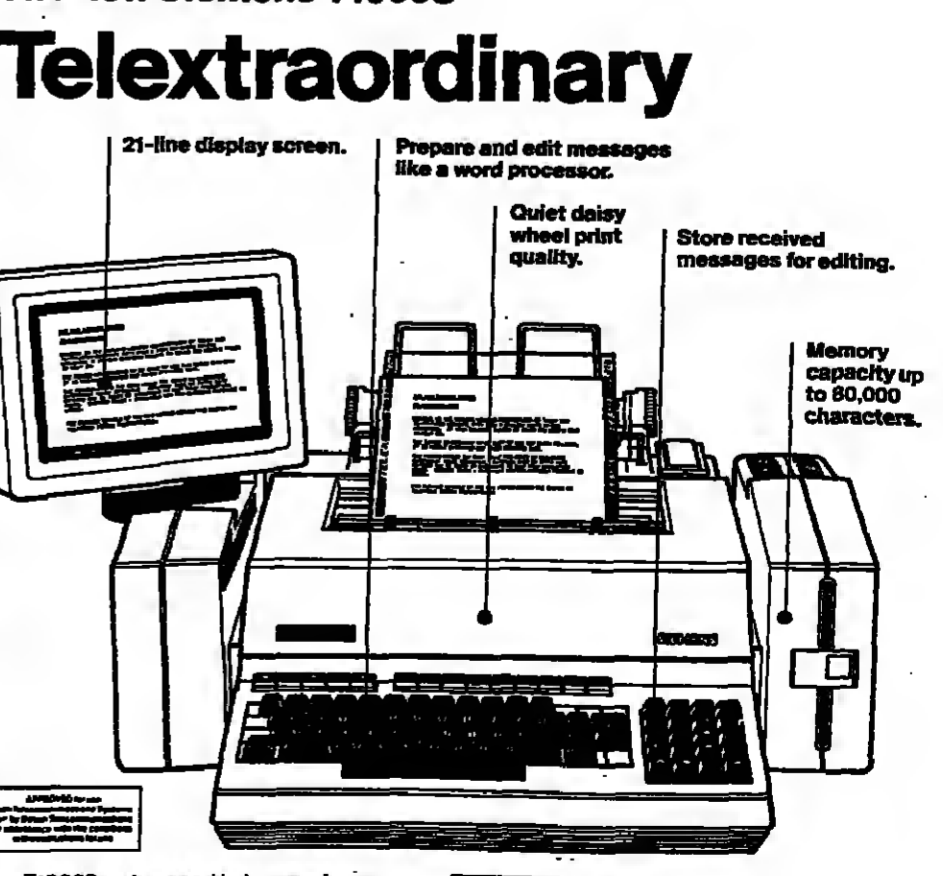
US move into Grand Met

One major source of the recent heavy buying of shares in Grand Metropolitan Hotels has declared his hand.

Mr Charles Knapp, the American financier, confirmed at the weekend that he has built up a stake of nearly 5 per cent. He has twice approached Sir Stanley Gristead, chairman of Grand Metropolitan, with a view to buying the group's hotel interests.

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China turns back the clock with its first SE since 1949

From Robert Grieve, Peking

Months of speculation ended on Friday when China opened its Shanghai stock exchange since 1949. The move caught many Western observers by surprise. In the last year some Western and Chinese analysts had predicted a Stock Market would open soon in the southern commercial center of Canton, near Hong Kong.

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY - Interims: Asda Property Holdings, Breckro Properties, Bronx Engineering, Early's of Witney, Incheape, George, Ingham, Kwick-Fit (Tyres & Exhausts), John Menzies, Rugby Portland Cement, Sag Furniture, United Friendly Insurance, Frank Usher, Wats, Blake, Bearne, Rex Williams Leisure, Wills Group, Finala A B Electronic Products, C H Bailey, Dunton Group, FII Group, Lysander Petroleum, R H Morley, Process Systems. TOMORROW - Interims: Amari, Arbutnot Dollar Income Trust, Arbutnot Japan Group Fund, Laura Ashley, Biomechanics International, Cussins Property Group, Davidson Pearce Group, Denora, Falcon Industries, Jacques Vert, KCA Drilling Group, Laing Properties, Northern Engineering Industries, Polymark International, Thurgar - Bardex (amended), Worcester Group. Finala: Bailie Gifford Japan Trust, Framlington Managed Portfolio (dividend), Shandwick, Thorpington Secured Growth Trust. WEDNESDAY - Interims: BSG International, Fosoco Minsep, Kleinwort, Benson (Guernsey), MY Holdings, TR City of London Trust. Finala: Abingworth, A Beckman, Kleinwort Development Fund, Synapse Computer Services. THURSDAY - Interims: Brown & Jackson, Ealing Electro-Optics, Empire Stores (Bradford), Erith, Etam, Ibstock Johnson, Kalon Group, Lillesball, Albert Martin Holdings, PLM. Finala: Galliford, S R Gent, HTV Group, Mitchell Cotts. FRIDAY - Interims: International Investment Trust of Jersey, Scottish Television. Finala: Lawtix, Ulster Television (dividend).

USM REVIEW

Smaller companies will still play big part after big bang

What is the future of the USM in the new world? Will big bang represent the end of a two-way market in smaller companies and USM shares...

Search for oil costs less, says new study

Oil exploration can still be profitable in many areas of the world even at prices below the current depressed rates...

COMMENT TSB lottery puts little value on privatization

The man interviewed in the queue outside the Trustee Savings Bank had it right. "If the Government is giving money away," he said...

COMPANY NEWS

- ENGLISH TRUST GROUP: An agreed offer is to be made by Phoenix Securities... COLINE INTER-NATIONAL: The company has acquired from the Beswick Division... JACOMAR: The company is reporting for the 14 months to March 31, 1986...

Isabel Unsworth

The author is a member of the smaller companies unit at Phillips & Drew.

More company news on page 21

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table with columns: Capitalization, Company, Price, Change, Gross, Div, % P/E. Lists various unlisted securities with their respective financial metrics.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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TOKYO NON-STOP advertisement for Japan Air Lines. Includes text: 'Japan Air Lines is the only airline to bring Tokyo even closer to London. In fact by operating non-stop flights from London to Tokyo, we offer the fastest route to Japan from the UK.'

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin today. Dealings end October 10. Contango day October 13. Settlement day September 20.
Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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Weekly Dividend
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £24,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

BRITISH FUNDS
Stock out of Stock, Price, Change, Dividend, Yield, P/E.

SHORTS (Under Five Years)
Table with columns: Date, Price, Change, Dividend, Yield, P/E.

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS
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OVER FIFTEEN YEARS
Table with columns: Date, Price, Change, Dividend, Yield, P/E.

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ELECTRICALS
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US NOTEBOOK

A state of confusion on US policy for dollar

From Maxwell Newton, New York

American policy on the value of the dollar is in a state of total disorder, and the markets are being whipsawed as contradictory statements are made by the Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. James Baker, the chief economist in the Department of Commerce, Mr. Robert Ortner, and the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Mr. Paul Volcker.

any further decline in the dollar on the scale of the previous 12 months. He was contradicted by an unnamed Administration spokesman and by Mr. Ortner, who said the dollar must come down more.

and import prices is the acid test of the power of currency adjustments to evoke shifts in trading patterns. "Since import prices have not risen enough to redirect purchases back to domestically-produced goods, a policy of 'dollar management' simply has not worked. Consequently, the US economy could well be facing a chronic deficit in merchandise trade."

Another extension on PCW agreement

By Alison Eadie

The standstill agreement on litigation between Lloyd's names on PCW syndicates and potential defendants has been extended yet again. The agreement was due to expire tomorrow, raising the spectre of a multi-million pound lawsuit by the names. Instead it has been extended on a 21-day rolling basis. The defendants have agreed not to plead the statute of limitations.

Stabilizing sterling is the key

GILT-EDGED

The cry at the Bank of England last week was "fire!" and it was the same cry in the market as investors staggered to the exits. Trade figures for August, the worst, turned traders' dreams to ashes. How long ago seemed April with its 8.5 per cent yields.

Gramm-Rudman seemed to introduce a new element into the political debate which promised to eliminate international imbalances and usher in a period of orderly economic progress. American policy makers undertook their budget-cutting initiative as their contribution to the so-called G-5 process, in which the leading industrial countries agreed to pursue their economic objectives in concert.

cal prospect for the country. One by one, these hopes, and the assumptions on which they were based, have fallen away, leaving investors to confront the realities of balance of payments deterioration and stubbornly high domestic cost increases being met by fiscal and monetary policies.

Such a projection, however, rests on the assumption that the Government will be able to stabilize sterling around the 70 effective rate level. Should sterling be weaker than this, inflation would turn out higher. As a rough rule of thumb, each 5 per cent sustained fall in sterling would add about one percentage point to inflation by the end of next year.

COMPANY NEWS

- ALBANY INVESTMENT TRUST: Interim dividend 0.55p (0.5p, adjusted) for the half-year to Aug. 30, payable on Nov. 5. The directors expect to maintain the final dividend (which was 1.25p, adjusted last time). Pretax profit £158,605 (£152,279). Earnings per share 1.11p (1.065p, adjusted).

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table with columns for Market rates, Sterling spot and forward rates, and other sterling rates. Includes data for various currencies like the Australian dollar, Canadian dollar, etc.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table with columns for Euro money deposits, Gold, and Treasury bills. Includes interest rates for various terms and gold prices.

Table titled 'BASE LENDING RATES' listing interest rates for various banks and financial institutions like ABN, Adam & Company, BCCI, etc.

The Channel Tunnel starts at Glasgow

By the spring of 1993, there will be a fast, reliable service from as far north as Glasgow or Edinburgh to connect you and your freight with all of the major European cities. The journey will be faster and more convenient than ever before and it will be made possible by the Channel Tunnel - which will be started next autumn.

The investment required is large, but so are the rewards for the whole of Britain. In its first year of operation, there should be over 15 million passenger journeys by rail through the Tunnel, plus the millions of cars and their passengers to be transported by Eurotunnel's shuttle service.

British Rail is not re-drawing the railway map only for passengers. In the Tunnel's first year we expect to carry six million tonnes of freight. Over 70 per cent of this freight will originate or terminate beyond the London area.

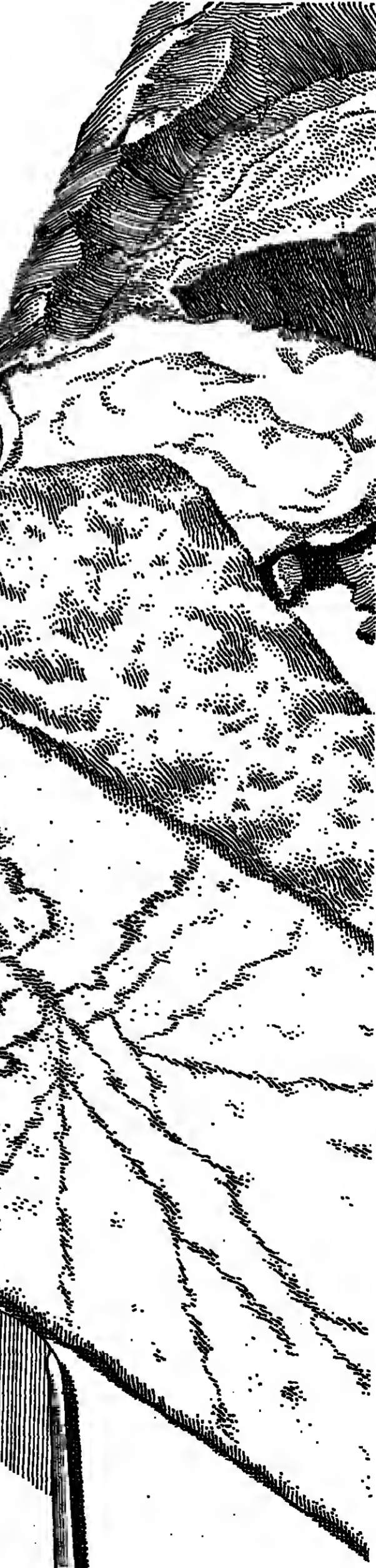
The resulting environmental benefits of relieving the road system of the equivalent of 1,500 huge lorries every single day can easily be imagined.

In addition to the billions of pounds being raised by other investors for the Tunnel itself, British Rail alone is investing £400 million both in improving stations and in building new 180mph trains.

Employment in the UK construction industry stands to benefit widely from the building of the Tunnel and British Rail's own investment will create new job opportunities in the Midlands and the north of England for railway equipment and manufacturers.

London to Paris in only three and a quarter hours, with departures every hour of the day? Of course.

But there's a lot more than that for the whole of Britain.



ULTRAMAR

Turnover in year ending 31 December 1985: £2,357,800,000. Source: Annual Report 11/3/86.



BURMAH

Turnover not of duties in year ending 31 December 1985: £1,447,500,000. Source: Annual Report 10/4/86.



Group of Seven ministers issue 9-point statement

This is the full text of the nine-point statement issued by the Group of Seven finance ministers in Washington on Saturday.

1. The finance ministers of seven major industrialized countries met today to conduct the first exercise of multilateral surveillance pursuant to the Tokyo Economic Declaration...

2. The ministers reviewed recent economic developments and their economic objectives collectively, using a range of economic indicators...

3. The ministers noted that progress had been made in promoting steady, non-inflationary growth in their countries.

4. There is broad agreement among the ministers on the economic outlook in their countries. Prospects for further growth in 1987 are generally favourable...

5. However, the ministers noted that the present scale of some current account imbalances cannot be sustained.

6. The ministers agreed that co-operative efforts need to be intensified in order to reduce the imbalances in the context of an open, growing world economy.

7. In the circumstances, the Ministers agreed that the policies of all countries during the period immediately ahead would be formulated with the following objectives in mind:

- To continue to follow sound monetary policies supporting non-inflationary growth and contributing to international adjustment...



Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, right, and Paul Volcker, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, at the Washington talks.

8. The ministers agreed that the major industrial countries bear a special responsibility to foster an open, growing world economy which is particularly important for the resolution of the international debt problem.

9. In order to fulfil their responsibilities in the context of thorough implementation of the Tokyo Economic Declaration used to achieve the objectives set out above...

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Decision on trade mark office today

London's choice of a site for the proposed European Community trade mark office is to be announced today by Mr Geoffrey Fittie, Minister of State for Industry and Information Technology.

British footwear on slide

Footwear deliveries plunged 10 per cent, on a seasonally adjusted basis, in the three months ended July compared with the first quarter of this year.

Advertisement for DIGIUS for COMPAQ, including text about UNIX, Pick, Networking, Communications, and contact information for Alison Gibson.

Advertisement for J. O. SIMS LIMITED, Companies Act 1985, Section 175 (Registered in England No. 529798), detailing company information and share matters.

Advertisement for 30% more with Friendly Societies, mentioning Building Society Savings and various investment options.

Advertisement for AF COR INVESTMENTS LIMITED, The private investors' dealer, offering services like Personal Asset Review and company analysis.

Advertisement for APPOINTMENTS, listing various job openings and contact information for recruitment agencies.

Advertisement for DAKS Simpson Group, listing recruitment for various roles like Deputy Chief Executive and Marketing Director.

Advertisement for Federation of British Electrotechnical and Allied Manufacturers Associations, listing various technical and engineering roles.

Advertisement for BRADFORD & BINGLEY, offering TAX FREE HIGH RETURN SAVINGS and other financial products.

Degrees awarded by the University of London

- The London School of Economics: LLB with French law, Imperial College of Science and Technology: BSc (Eng), Aeronautical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, etc.

Large advertisement for UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE, UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK, and UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM, featuring a portrait of a man and text about administrative positions and university programs.

Handwritten notes and signatures at the bottom of the page.

HORIZONS A guide to career choice



While an individual may enjoy studying for a degree of their choice, such as theatre studies, this does not provide a water-tight passport to a job in that profession. Quite often a totally different option such as teaching will provide the answer to any future career doubts

A change of roles in mid-act

I never really considered whether going to university was right for me or not. It was just assumed by everyone, myself included, that if I could get in I would go. When the time came to apply to universities through UCCA, it was clear that my preference for English was reflected in my performance in that subject, so I applied to read English. The three year course at Oxford is not perhaps the best constructed in the country, nor the most vocationally useful, but I thoroughly enjoyed my time there, learning all the things one is supposed to learn at university apart from one's specialisation. What mattered more was that I was able to continue acting, my great love since childhood, and later to try my hand at directing. With this experience of working in theatre, even on the amateur level, I decided that way what I wanted to do. I knew I had neither the talent nor the experience for a professional acting career. Directing, too, as it usually derives from an ability to act, seemed ruled out. So I began to look into the possibilities of teaching drama in adult, further or higher education. I was advised by a tutor at Oxford that a university career would demand an M.Phil qualification at least, more likely a Ph.D., and that I did not have the ability for that sort of study. He did suggest that a one-year MA course might be more suitable and said that this should qualify me to teach at colleges of further education or polytechnics. I approached Oxford's career service to inquire further, but they told me to forget this "too ambitious" scheme and apply for the standard teaching qualification course. I explained that the kind of drama I wanted to teach was more specialised and time consuming than could be taught in any school, however excellent the facilities. But I was firmly told that I would be perfectly happy teaching in secondary schools and should forget any other notions. Nevertheless, for my own education, I

While it is important to study subjects close to the heart, this will not guarantee a career of your choice. There are, Stephanie Loshak says, some difficult decisions that have to be taken

for the profession and all advised me against entering it. I wrote to every theatre in London outside the West End offering to work for nothing, just to gain the vital experience. Only one replied: five months later, I still await the outcome. I have now come to realise that any chances of theatre-related work, enthusiasm and qualifications notwithstanding, are remote. I have the option of a place on a teacher training course but frankly wonder whether teaching is the right choice. As long as there are such doubts it would be unwise (not to say unfair to any future pupils) for me to proceed. So I have started to look at other career possibilities. The most attractive is advertising, because it combines the creativity which has been the motivating factor in my degree courses with a need to understand media-to-audience relationships, vital to directing plays, in an intelligent and stimulating environment. A number of friends from Oxford days are in advertising and like it. Their enthusiasm is an attraction in itself, especially when the alternative is to start my working life in teaching, a profession sadly characterized by despondency. I have, of course, to consider my own suitability for a career in advertising; responses from speculative letters I have written to graduate recruiters have been favourable, but graduate entry into advertising is largely confined to the milk round which starts in December, so I have now to make the choice - teaching or advertising? But although the prospect of doing something completely new in an area where promotion and pay would be linked to my ability and performance, and where the status of the work would reflect my educational attainment is appealing, I still find it hard to accept that I will probably have to leave behind the work I have been doing, and abandon the career for which I have been preparing for the last 14 of my 23 years. Stephanie Loshak is now on a teacher training course.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL... Department of Physics and National Physical Laboratory... Suitable qualified candidates are invited to submit applications...

Royal Military College of Science SHRIVENHAM... Appointment of a Principal Designate...

University of Wales... APPOINTMENT OF A PRINCIPAL DESIGNATE... The Councils of University College, Cardiff, and of the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology...

University of Bristol... RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR THE PROJECT ON MARKETING COURSES IN RURAL AREAS... The University proposes to appoint for one year's duration a research assistant to assist the Director of the Department of Education and Science...

University of Bristol... CHAIR IN DENTAL CARE FOR THE ELDERLY... The University proposes to make an appointment to a Chair of Dental Care for the Elderly...

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School of Oriental and African Studies University of London... Secretaryship of the School... Applications are invited for the post of Secretary of the School with effect from 1 October 1987...

NUFFIELD COLLEGE OXFORD OXI INF PRIZE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS... Applications are invited from men and women graduates wishing to undertake research in Economics, Politics, Sociology...

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BRASENOSE COLLEGE... EDWARD WHITE BATE JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES... The College invites applications from graduates of either sex for a Junior Research Fellowship in the Natural Sciences...

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM... ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT... Applications are invited for appointment as Administrative Assistant in the Engineering or Science Divisions of the Registry...

UNIVERSITY OF READING... Deputy Librarian... Applications are invited from professionally qualified graduates with appropriate managerial experience in an academic library for the post of Deputy Librarian...

FELIXSTOWE COLLEGE... JUNIOR AND SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS... Academic Scholarships of an annual value ranging from one quarter fees to full fees will be offered...

The Leverhulme Trust... RESEARCH AWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS FOR 1987... Awards of up to £5,000 to persons experienced in their own field...

THE TRUSTEES OF THE HOUBLON NORMAN FUND... invite applications for a Research Fellowship... The award will be at appropriate academic salary scales...

Prep & Public Schools GRESHAM'S SCHOOL... Applications are invited from girls and boys for entry to the 5th Form in September 1987...

EMERITUS FELLOWSHIPS... Awards of up to £4,000 a year for 1 or 2 years to enable persons to complete a piece of research...

County Durham School of NEW SCHOOL, Durham... Tuition... NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE POLYTECHNIC DIRECTOR... Applications are invited for the post of Director of the North Staffordshire Polytechnic...

BERKHAMSTED SCHOOL requires a CHAPLAIN... We are looking for an Anglican priest for September 1987 (or sooner if possible) who will involve himself in the total life of the school...

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SPORT

Honeyghan's win matches the feats of Turpin

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Lloyd Honeyghan, of Bernonsey, achieved the most memorable victory in British boxing since Randolph Turpin took the middleweight title from Sugar Ray Robinson 35 years ago...

Curry was taken to hospital to have his wound attended to, and to ponder his defeat. The injury required 20 stitches and Curry also sustained a broken nose...

round the ring before grabbing hold of Honeyghan. The challenger, now realising that the much-vaunted superstar could be brought down to earth, opened up with both hands...

He looked the Cobra in the eye

But Honeyghan, aged 26, who had said the day before the bout, "all I want to do is punch his face in and take his title"...

He knew all he needed to know

Curry responded in the third, nailing Honeyghan with a left hook to the body and straight right to the head. Curry was turning the flow of the fight until Honeyghan shook him with a big right to the head late in round five...

Efforts pay off for the new champion

Lloyd Honeyghan is one of a lengthening line of immigrants dominating British boxing today. He now joins Dennis Andries, of Hackney, as world champion...



Lloyd Honeyghan is jubilant after receiving his belt for his undisputed world championship on Saturday night.



Championship style: Lloyd Honeyghan (left) connects with Don Curry early in his title bout

Man in a million Norman leads Australian victory

By Mitchell Platts

Greg Norman must be wondering what he can offer for an encore. He became the first golfer in the history of the game to win one million dollars in prize money in a single year when Australia retained the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews yesterday...

GOLF

Card of course

Table with columns: Hole, Yds, Par, Hole, Yds, Par. Rows 1-9 for The Old Course, St Andrews.

year. Even Severiano Ballesteros, with five European titles this season and only £207,502 to show for his endeavours, must be kicking his heels in frustration...

Godden saves the day as United's darkness deepens

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Manchester United..... 0 Chelsea..... 1

The darkness surrounding Manchester United deepens still further. Locked securely in the basement of the first division, they lost at home for the third time this season...

of him was rarely convincing. Albiston, in particular, was uncharacteristically uncertain during his individual contest against Nevin.

More football reports, page 29

his side: "There can be no complaints about our character or our method," he said, "although I am probably beginning to sound like an echo."

Yet, though their performance was undeniably spirited, the same flaws still remain. United's defensive vulnerability in the air, exposed repeatedly by Everton the previous week, was immediately illustrated on the ground...

Though his year has been relatively bleak so far, Dixon has collected a rich haul from his visits to Manchester. Of his total of only five goals in 1986, he has scored three of them at Old Trafford...

Convincing evidence of championship quality

By Hugh Taylor

The football played at Ibrox was of a quality to send home Britain's biggest crowd of the afternoon convinced that Rangers and Aberdeen have become the most valid contenders for the Scottish League championship...

finding Hibs livelier than of late, United drew 1-1 to remain unbeaten after nine league matches and showed that their bright talent has not yet been extinguished.

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Camacho proves he is 'Macho'

Miami Beach (Reuters) — The World Boxing Council lightweight champion, Hector "Macho" Camacho, of the United States, won a unanimous 12-round points decision over the former British-based Cornelius Boza-Edwards when they fought late on Friday night.

Camacho had as difficult a time with his own weary legs as he did with Boza-Edwards' plodding assault, and had to be helped from the ring after the bout. Camacho had trouble making the 135-pound (61.2kg) weight limit and said he had eaten only a sardine and drunk a half-cup of water in three days...

Death in marathon

The death of a runner within yards of the finish at the Berlin marathon yesterday threw the city into mourning (Michael Coleman writes).

A stunned audience at the prize-giving at the giant Palais aux Functeurs heard a sports doctor announce that one of his patients, a family man, aged 38, had suffered from a heart infection but had resumed running under his guidance. Unfortunately he ran too fast yesterday and collapsed just 15 yards from the finish which he would have reached in the respectable time of 2 hours 50 minutes.

Oldham loans

Oldham's utility backs, Alan Taylor, listed at £3,000 and Brian Cassery, valued at £4,000, have joined second division rugby league neighbours, Rochdale Hornets on loan.

Lewis leads

Wally Lewis, of Queensland, will lead the Australian Rugby League side to tour of England and France for 10 weeks next month, while Peter Sterling, Parramatta scrum half is vice-captain.

Wilson triple

Jocky Wilson has won the Unipart British Professional darts championship for the third time. The Scottish international beat No 3 seed Dave Whitcombe 7-6 in the final at Redcar.

Bid rejected

Manchester City have turned down a £200,000 bid by Newcastle United for their promising 20-year-old winger, Paul Simpson. Simpson has been noted by a number of clubs, but City want to keep their young players at the club.

Best in field

Shaftesbury Harriers took the men's title in the inaugural Adidas IAC field events championship in Birmingham on Saturday with the women's crown going to Birchfield Harriers.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Jones: royal victory. Henrik Jorgenson, of Denmark, and Gabriel Kamau of Kenya third in 2:12:35 in a field of 13,500. Charlotte Teske, of West Germany, led home the women in a best time of 2:32:10.

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SNOOKER

Clear win for Foulds

Neal Foulds reached the quarter-finals of the BCE International after a 5-1 victory over Ken Owers in Stoke yesterday. Foulds dropped only the third frame, making breaks of over 30 in all six. His highest was a clearance of 114, the first century of the final stages and if it remains unbeaten for the remainder of the tournament it will be worth £3,500.

professional from Fleetwood, mustering 27 points in the last three frames. Foulds said, "I didn't play well at the start and that was rather surprising as my general game had been quite good before arriving at Stoke. But I was very pleased to finish so strongly."

